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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR ORDER CONFIRMATION IN A  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: